

# CAMP MATTHEW G. EMERY, G. A. R. CITY, IS CENTER OF VETERANS' ACTIVITIES

## Use Donated in Tribute to "Minute Men of Washington," Who Were Captained by Builder of Present Quarters. Encampment Arrangements.

Camp Matthew G. Emery, dedicated to the service of the public use of the Grand Army Monday, which now houses the activities of the veteran host, and which last night welcomed the President of the United States as he came to greet the thousands of delegates to the national encampment of all the allied patriotic organizations, is named in honor of the last mayor of Washington, captain of the first company of volunteers to arise in defense of the National Capital.

The tribute to these "Minute Men of Washington" it has been contributed by the heirs of Capt. Emery, to be occupied by the Grand Army while celebrating their semi-centennial reunion in Washington, the home city for the entire nation.

### Guarded Public Property.

Capt. Emery's company guarded the public buildings of Washington and were camped in the public parks, and even in some of the government buildings. They picked up all approaches to the capital, by railroad, bridge and pike. They stood on the firing line for several days with no other defenders for the seat of government between them and the attacking force.

Many monuments to Capt. Emery are standing in Washington today, reared by his own hands. He erected the former Post Office Department building on E street, built much of the Capitol, and the Treasury building. He laid the corner stone of the Washington Monument, and executed the extensive work of the White House, under Franklin Pierce.

Camp Emery, formerly the old census building, is the only place in Washington which was fitted to shelter the many organizations and conveniences necessary for the comfort of the veterans during their national encampment.

Elaborately decorated throughout with more than 1,000 flags and 4,000 yards of garlands, with priceless pictures of old warrior heroes and treasure chests, filled up with more than 1,000 tables and 6,000 chairs, it is a veritable little city for the Grand Army—a city for a week.

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# LITTLE BRASS CANNON MEMORIAL TO CUSTER

## Man Who Fought Under Famous General Brings Unique Relic to Encampment.

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of Company B, 2d West Virginia Cavalry, and when he marches down the Avenue tomorrow in the parade he will wear the red necktie which he wore fifty years ago during the grand review. He will pull the little cannon behind him, and if permission is given he will fire a salute to the President when it reaches the reviewing stand. When at home, Dr. Trax gives the cannon the place of honor in his parlor, where it is always an object of interest to the townspeople.

He also possesses the flag which the 3d Cavalry Division carried through many battles of the sixties. The flag will be carried in the parade by his little granddaughter, Lizzie Trax.

Composition of the Cannon.

The articles which went into the making of this cannon were four pounds of brass buttons, three division bugles, four regimental bugles, two brass drum rims, forty-four United States Infantry bugles, thirty-six United States bugles, cavalry, two brass keys of the Ford Theater, five brass of Infantry flags, three eagles taken from cavalry and artillery flags, two eagles of division flags, nine pairs of Confederate spurs, twenty-four pairs of Union spurs, twenty-four copper cents captured at Lexington, 104 Spencer carbines cartridges, thirteen brass percussion caps, four pounds of buckles from artillery harness, five brass buttons, five white metal watch cases, sixteen army spoons, three gold army dollars, one cow bell, one B. & O. brass lock from Harpers Ferry and a twenty-pound piece of a bell picked up at Charleston, W. Va.

During the encampment the little cannon is kept at the south door of Camp Matthew G. Emery, where it is always surrounded by scores of the veterans, some of whom fought under

Custer. The firing place is flanked on either side by two of the naval landing guns of modern type, such as Uncle Sam uses in equipping all of his battleships.

Corp. Tanner Host.

Entertains Lew Benedict Post, of Which He Was Charter Member.

Thirty-five members of Lew Benedict Post, No. 5, of Albany, N. Y., are attending the encampment, having reached Washington late Monday afternoon, under command of Commander James Mullen.

This is the post of which Corp. James Tanner was a charter member while he was serving as sergeant-at-arms of the New York state senate. Corp. Tanner was host to the members of the post Monday night at his home on 19th street northwest, being assisted by his two daughters.

Jute to Replace Cotton Twine.

Cotton twine is to be replaced with jute in the postal service during the year beginning November 1. The contract for furnishing jute has been awarded the Ludlow Manufacturing Association of Boston, Mass., at 9.5 cents a pound, the lowest bid for either cotton or jute submitted to the department. Cotton is being used this year at a cost of 13.23 cents a pound. During the year 2,500,000 pounds of jute twine will be used by the department.

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